

The chart below is a useful tool to determine when an infant's meal is reimbursable. Not all infant meals can be claimed for reimbursement, it depends on who is providing the infant formula/food and the age and development of the infant.

Are These Infant Meals Reimbursable?	Infant 0 through 3 months	Infant 4 through 7 months--drinking only formula/breast milk, NOT developmentally ready for solid foods	Infant 4 through 7 months--developmentally ready for solid foods	Infant 8 through 11 months--drinking only formula/breast milk, NOT developmentally ready for solid foods	Infant 8 through 11 month--developmentally ready for solid foods
Infant receives <u>center/home</u> purchased iron-fortified infant formula and <u>center/home</u> purchased baby food.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, must have Medical Exception Statement on file since infant cannot eat solid foods.	Yes
Infant receives <u>center/home</u> purchased iron-fortified infant formula and <u>parent</u> provided baby food.	Yes	Yes	Yes, center/home provides at least one of the required food items.	Yes, must have Medical Exception Statement on file since infant cannot eat solid foods.	Yes, center/home provides at least one of the required food items.
Infant receives <u>parent</u> provided iron-fortified infant formula/breast milk and <u>center/home</u> provided baby food.	Yes	Yes	Yes, center/home provides at least one of the required food items.	Yes, must have Medical Exception Statement on file since infant cannot eat solid foods.	Yes, center/home provides at least one of the required food items.
Infant receives <u>parent</u> provided low-iron infant formula and <u>center/home</u> provided baby food.	Yes, must have Medical Exception Statement on file for low-iron formula.	Yes, must have Medical Exception Statement on file for low-iron formula.	Yes, must have Medical Exception Statement on file for low-iron formula.	Yes, must have Medical Exception Statement on file for low-iron formula and infant cannot eat solid foods.	Yes, must have Medical Exception Statement on file for low-iron formula.
Infant receives <u>parent</u> provided low iron-fortified infant formula and <u>parent</u> provided baby food.	Yes, must have Medical Exception Statement on file	Yes, must have Medical Exception Statement on file	No	Yes, must have Medical Exception Statement on file since infant cannot eat solid foods.	No

The child care provider is responsible for feeding the infant to receive reimbursement.

If a mother comes to the center/home to breast feed her infant, the meal cannot be claimed for reimbursement.

The child care provider is required to provide at least one of the components in at least the minimum quantities specified on the meal pattern in order for the meal to be claimed for reimbursement.